

Kesson Heads New NTCIA Officers

New officers for the North Torrance Civic Improvement association were elected at the meeting held last week in the recreation hall of Verburg Dairy, 2093 West 174th St.

John Kesson of 2015 West 182nd street heads the new slate of officers as president for 1955-56. Kesson is connected with the petroleum industry.

Mrs. Norma Prange of 2701 West 168th street, active in local civic, P.T.A. and charitable organizations, was elected vice-president.

Mr. Kenny Uyeda, local wholesale nurseryman and landscaper, was elected secretary.

New treasurer for NTCIA will be Mrs. Barbara Nesbitt of 4047 West 175th place, and Mrs. Willa Dean Throop of 3704

West 177th street was elected auditor.

President's Responsibility
Under the constitution of NTCIA it will be the responsibility of President Kesson to appoint the ten permanent committee chairmen that spearhead the various activities undertaken for the welfare of the community. Names of the new committee chairmen will be announced at the October regular meeting.

The permanent committees are: membership, ways and means, recreation, safety, health and welfare, refreshment, educational, parliamentary, and institutional representative. Temporary commit-

STATIONED IN JAPAN

Army Sgt. Jerry Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Thompson, 1354 W. 219th st., is a member of the 823th Army Unit in Japan.

Sergeant Thompson, an administrative supervisor, entered the Army in 1949 and arrived in the Far East in February 1954.

He wears the Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

tees are formed from time to time to handle special projects as they come up.

The new officers of North Torrance Civic Improvement association will be introduced at the NTCIA Inaugural dance, September 24th, to be held at the Western Club cafe.

The new officers have promised an active program for the residents of North Torrance and NTCIA this year.

Developer Dies After Collision

Samuel Genis, 58, president of Store Properties, Inc., proposed developers of the Airport Triangle shopping center, died at Cedars of Lebanon hospital Friday of injuries received in an automobile accident the day before.

The auto, driven by his wife, was involved in a collision at Eighth st. and Crenshaw. Driver of the other car was Mrs. Harry E. Anderson of Los Angeles.

The three were treated at Georgia Street hospital. Genis was later moved to Cedars of Lebanon hospital.

Funeral services for Genis were held Sunday afternoon at the Home of Peace Memorial park.

COST PER PUPIL

The estimated cost per pupil to the school system is \$263.19.



HELP NEEDED . . . Wondering what will happen now that her husband is stricken with polio are Mrs. Robert Grout, 20, of 4115 Milne dr., Torrance, and her two children, Pat, 2, and Terry, 11 months.

Polio Strikes Father Of Two, Family Needs Food

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Polio struck again in Torrance. As always, it struck unexpectedly. And, while it always throws its victims and their families into a state of helplessness, fear, and confusion, it has done so even more in this particular case.

Seized by this frightening disease was Robert Grout, 22, of 4115 Milne drive who just moved to Torrance from Des Moines, Iowa two months ago together with his pretty wife, Nona, 20, and their two children, Pat, 2, and Terry, 11 months.

The Grouts, like many young married couples who are just getting started, were sure that, with a little luck and, barring any unforeseen disasters, they would have no trouble taking root here.

It Happened
But luck wasn't with them and the unforeseen did happen. And now, while the father is battling against bulbar polio and worrying about the welfare of his family, his wife and two children live in daily uncertainty wondering all the while

where their next day's food will come from.

The neighbors have been kind and generous, but there is only so much which even neighbors can do. They have helped with groceries; they have furnished transportation; they have even made the down-payment on the few basic bits of furniture which were necessary to furnish the small rented home.

Grout, who had just gone to work for Longren, showed symptoms of polio August 24 and was rushed to County General hospital two days later.

He was transferred this week to Rancho Los Amigos where he is expected to stay from one week to three weeks.

Determined To Get Well
"Bob is very determined," his wife stated, "and making every effort to recover. He is so anxious to see his children again. We are teaching Terry to walk now and have promised him a big surprise when he returns. We would like to have Terry meet him at the door."

This is the second time that Grout has had polio—having been stricken with the disease when he was 13 years old. At that time he recovered completely.

Needs Help
Mrs. Grout is hoping to receive help eventually from one of the welfare agencies but in the meantime she and her family need food. Other items which she could use are an ironing board, washing machine, and clothing for the children. She is also concerned about the

Cerebral Palsy Center To Open Here In October

A cerebral palsy center for children—a dream which started one year ago—is coming true now, with plans being made to open such a center around the first of October.

Thus stated Mrs. Frank Coulson, president of Cerebral Palsy, incorporated an independent non-profit organization and the first of its kind in Torrance.

The group was granted permission by Pastor Elmer Prout to use the annex of the Church of Christ, 1217 Cravens avenue five days a week.

"We'll start with 10 children," Mrs. Coulson said. "We'd like to take care of all of them if we could and eventually we hope to be able to handle many

more. Children of the South Bay area who have cerebral palsy are eligible."

Purpose of the center is to offer treatment and training and to live up to the motto: "To establish their independence, earn their own living, and pursue their own happiness."

Physical therapists will be hired but volunteers will also be sought to work with the therapists.

"All money which will be collected, Mrs. Coulson stated, "will be used for hiring therapists and purchasing equipment and material."

Acting medical director of the group is Dr. Nathan Kaplan.

Permanent Location
While permission was granted to open the center by the Planning Commission, the commissioners specified that the group should make every attempt to find a permanent location as soon as possible.

"We are hoping that someone will be generous enough to contribute some land to us and we hope that we might find a contractor who would be willing to supply us with a building," Mrs. Coulson stated hopefully.

For additional information regarding the group, individuals may contact Mrs. Frank Coulson, 5703 Budlong, Los Angeles, MA 6-7641 or leave a message at DA 9-1559.

Dear Editor . . .

Help Appreciated

Editor, Torrance Press:

We know you will agree that the response on the part of the people of Torrance to the Red Cross flood disaster appeal was remarkable.

Unquestionably this "flood of dollars" is due, in large part, to the paramount role your publication assumed in bringing this urgent appeal to local doorsteps.

Your fine and consistent support has always been appreciated, but this time, you have extended yourself in helping Red Cross meet the immediate and long-term needs of our American neighbors in the East, who have suffered major, and in many cases, total loss of possessions.

On their behalf, we thank you.

Sincerely,
(s) ALBERT ISEN,
Chairman,
Torrance Branch,
American Red Cross.

Supply Budget Set

A total of 7.15% of the Torrance school budget is apportioned to instructional supplies.

rent which she has not been able to pay.

Since Mrs. Grout does not have a phone, a neighbor, Mrs. Frank Kellogg, 4709 Milne drive has made her phone available for anyone who would like to get in touch with Mrs. Grout and help. The number is FR. 5-5697.

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